

# OSC Logs

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 8:41 AM

## EZ Wash contacts

SOSC

Geoff Brown

541-686-7819

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PRP: Trevor Alread

EZ Wash Laundry Mat

1300 SW G Street

Grants Pass, OR 97526

Owner:

Nick Baida

(b) (6)

Operator

Mark Steven Clark Sr.

(b) (6)

Three Rivers Hospital:

500 SW Ramsey

Grants Pass, OR

Use Ambulance Entrance on Union AVE

Bob Calloway

facilities manager

541-472-7022

c 541-660-1694

Paul Smith

541-472-7102

Police:

Lt English

541-450-6260

c 541-450-8003

Mike Miner until 4 pm

C 541-916-6062

Corporal John Moore

Parkway fire/police

800 east park st

Grants pass, OR

Brad Carlson  
Josephine Co. Health Dept  
o 541-474-5336  
c (b) (6) (personal)

Fire Department  
Battalion Chief  
Lawless  
541-218-7575

### **Notes**

Brad Carlson  
Josephine Co. Health Dept  
541-474-5336  
Left voice mail at 9/19/17 08:51

Three Rivers Hospital:  
500 SW Ramsey  
Grants Pass, OR  
Bob Calloway  
facilities manager  
541-472-7022  
c 541-660-1694

9/19/17 08:56 call Bob Calloway, Three Rivers Hospital  
Physician consulted poison control and examined and patient was released then room was cleaned as normal. Examined in overflow area of treatment area. Use ambulance entrance.

Grants Pass Police Department  
Lt Misty English  
541-450-6260  
c 541-450-8003

9/19/17 09:05  
Vehicle transporting suspect still in use, 5 officers on scene.

10:29 received call from Brad Carleson, Josephine County Health District. He said that the laundromat employees were cleaning inside and it appears to be opened with people coming and going. He was concerned about exposure or potential tracking of contamination and requested that EPA come to the scene and coordinate with the owner.

After arriving on the scene employee Tammy (she was present when incident occurred and did not think he went to other side of room) indicated that the laundromat was closed but she had been carrying laundry from dryers to door to return laundry to customers. She was cleaning but did not clean directly where the person was handling mercury. She did not have names or contact info for owners who's clothes were left behind. The clothes were left in the machines so I believe risk of contamination to

clothes is low.

11:16

Nick Baida, Business Owner

EZ Wash Laundry Mat

1300 SW G Street

Grants Pass, OR 97526

Owner:

Nick Baida

(b) (6)

I called Nick Baida to inform him that the county Health department is at the EZ Wash and noticed people coming and going and requested me to come assess the laundromat. He said that Mark Steven Clark Sr. (b) (6) ) will be his representative on the scene and he authorized access to the facility.

9/19/17 12:46

Nick Baida, Business Owner - I called Mr. Baida to inform him that visible mercury beads were found along the crack where the floor and wall meet on the south east wall of the laundromat. I explained that we can try to remove visible mercury or he can hire a HazMat clean-up contractor to remove the mercury using vacuum but that we will need to confirm that their clean-up is appropriate and effective. He initially said he was a contractor and could clean-up the mercury himself but I explained that HAWOPER training and EPA oversight would be required and that it may be more cost effective for EPA to complete cleanup since we are on the scene with the equipment. (I also was considering the fact that employees had not followed DEQ instruction to stay out of laundromat and employees had improperly handled waste left behind by fire department so I was concerned that business owner would not be capable of completing effective and safe removal.) He authorized EPA removal of mercury I followed up with email documenting conversation (12:58) and requested signed access agreement.

9/19/17 14:57

Fire Department

Battalion Chief

Lawless

541-218-7575

Left voice message offering to assess equipment

16:30

Mark Clark, laundromat operator discussion on-scene. I explained that the Craftsman shop-vac that was in the laundromat was contaminated with mercury with high enough readings that anyone who opens it to try to dispose of the waste should be in PPE with respiratory protection ( $>82,000 \text{ ng/m}^3$ ). It is also full of waste and debris and I am concerned that if we try to remove the waste and filter to re-test we may spread contamination and it probably makes more sense to dispose of the shop-vac. He agreed and indicated that a new shop vac is inexpensive and easy to replace and authorized EPA to dispose of the shop vac. I also explained that there is a mop and mop bucket that the laundry attendant (Tammy) was using recently - the mop may spread contamination. He indicated that he would through the mop head away however I was concerned about miss handling the mop so it was disposed of with contaminated debris. Mop water was decanted and bucket was left to dry for further assessment.

9/20/2017 8:12

Mark Clark, laundromat operator discussion on-scene. I explained that the mop bucket has  $>50,000 \text{ ng/m}^3$  of mercury vapor from the surface indicating that the residual dirt in the bottom contains

mercury. Discussed that although it could be cleaned it would be more cost effective to dispose of the mercury contaminated bucket to be replaced. He authorized disposing of the mop bucket.

I explained that air readings from adult and child breathing zones were below the occupational action level (highest readings near spill: adult 1524 child 1614 low breathing zone 1373 ng/m<sup>3</sup>) and all clothes were at background levels of mercury. Clothes can be returned to their owners the laundromat can be re-opened. He asked if they should replace children's toy, we explained that we checked the surface of toys and there was no contamination detected and they can be used but he indicated that he would throw them away to be safe; EPA left toys in place.

I explained that mercury vapors measured immediately above the crack where visible mercury was removed indicated that some mercury may have fallen too deep to be removed. There is no visible mercury so the area can be used however I recommended that those area be sealed (both cracks along wall and the broken/rough edge of the concrete) with either caulk or self-leveling concrete.

9/20/17 09:15

Sgt Moore, Grants Pass Police, contacted fire department batalion chief on duty who contacted chief that worked the incident. It was relayed that fire Dept does not want equipment assessed for mercury contamination.

10:00

Sgt Moore spoke with Lt Ed Vincent at Josephine county jail. Lt did not want EPA assessment. Prisoner is no longer in custody. EPA explained that based on background levels found above surface of police car back seat the risk is low but greatest risk of contamination is bin where prisoners clothing was stored...Lt Vincent confirmed no assessment needed.

OSC Becker informed sgt Moore that car is cleared for use.

Police and boots < 100 ng/m<sup>3</sup>

10:10 OSC Becker informed sgt Moore that officers boots are cleared for use.